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RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE OF EVENT: November 25, 2014

TYPE OF EVENT: CVC 10851(a)- Vehicle Theft

LOCATION: City of Ridgecrest

SUSPECT ARRESTED: Tynan James Lawrence (20 Years of Age)

During the month of November 2014, there have been 13 Honda vehicles (Models: Accord and Civic) stolen in the City of Ridgecrest. There was an additional Honda recovered in the City of Ridgecrest that was reported stolen from Barstow, CA. Detective Merzlak, Detective Tucker, Detective Dilley and Detective Cushman began an investigation into the vehicle thefts.

On 11/17/14, Tynan Lawrence was located after being reported of looking into vehicles during the night. Lawrence was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and booked into Kern County Jail. During this investigation, Detectives found items consistent for being used as keys to start vehicles where Lawrence was arrested. It was found that Lawrence has a previous conviction for vehicle theft in the Barstow, Ca. area. Lawrence became the primary suspect in the investigation. Det. Merzlak obtained a search warrant for Lawrence's person and residence.

On 11/25/14, Detective Cushman located Lawrence at a residence and detained him for the search warrant and questioning. Detective Tucker conducted an interview with Lawrence and was able to obtain a confession for several of these vehicle thefts. Lawrence was arrested and booked into the Kern County Jail- Ridgecrest for charges of CVC 10851(a)- Vehicle Theft and CVC 666.5- Vehicle Theft with prior conviction.

The Ridgecrest Police Department encourages everyone to assure their vehicle doors are locked and items of value are not in view or removed from the vehicle to deter the possibility of theft occurring.

Ronald N. Strand, Chief of Police
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